Dear Committee Members:

I am speaking as a long time voter and poll worker in Derby, CT.

The city of Derby is Connecticut's smallest city in land area. It is presently split into 3 State House Districts (104, 105, 114). This greatly diminishes our "voice" in matters that affect our communities' economic well-being and social structure.

The divisions are such that some streets are District 104 on one side and District 105 on the other side, with another section of the city in District 114. In some cases the same street addresses, are delineated with odd-numbered addresses and even-numbered addresses being in different districts.

I am urging the Reapportionment Committee to have Derby included in only one State House District and one State Senate District, giving the residents of this city a more fair and cohesive representation in our state legislature.

Thank you for your committee work and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Donna M. Doherty